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Yards at International and Great Northern Railroad Depot, and Galveston, Harrisburg and San Antonio railroad track, East Commerce Street.

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L. ROUVANT,

About September 15, will occupy part of the store at present occupied by A. Wolf, and will open up with a fine line of

Watches, Diamonds, Fine Jewelry

And novelties, that will surprise the public. Look out for the opening.

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Watches, clocks, jewelry, guns, pistols, musical instruments, etc., sold at a small advance of cost. Bargains to be had in forfeited pledges.

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Keeps a Stock of his Own Manufacture of Goods on Hand.

Also has the only complete Boot and Shoe Manufactory in San Antonio. Keeps the largest, best and most varied stock of Leathers, employs more workmen, uses the best tools and gives better satisfaction than any other establishment of the kind in the city.

Only First Class Workmen Employed and Entire Satisfaction Guaranteed.

All work and neat Repairing done on short notice. When in need of anything in this line, remember the Crescent City Boot and Shoe Manufactory.

TELEGRAPHIC.

Interesting News That Flashed Over the Wires from All Quarters of the Globe.

Election Returns From Ohio and Iowa—A Valuable Truck Lost—Reporter Injured.

CINCINNATI, October 10.—11 p. m.—No complete compilation of the returns from Hamilton county have yet been made up. The figures of the precincts were not counted by the judges till night.

DAYTON, October 10.—Montgomery county goes Democratic by a majority ranging from 1000 to 2000, and almost 5000 majority against the second amendment. The Democrats get two Representatives.

COLUMBUS, October 10.—The returns from 80 counties and other estimates give the State as Democratic by 12,000, and the Legislature from 20 to 25 Democratic on joint ballot. The second amendment will come very near being carried.

ADULTS, October 10.—General States, of San Antonio, to-day made complaint against the International route, in which he alleges the company refuses to deliver freight on which charges have been prepaid, unless payment is made. The Attorney General will investigate the matter.

ST. LOUIS, October 10.—Advises from Fayetteville, Arkansas, say that United States Deputies M. Percy and Weatherford, while guarding some Indian prisoners on Wednesday night, quarrelled over cards, drew their pistols and killed each other; one firing three and the other seven shots.

CHATTANOOGA, October 10.—The negro who murdered Policeman Street, of Huntsville, on Monday, by splitting his head with an ax, was taken from jail last night by 50 masked men and hanged. He refused to give his name. A heavy reward is offered for the arrest of his accomplice, but he is still at large.

PITTSBURGH, October 10.—Dr. Davis Hottel and H. Sellers McKee, whose wealth is almost unlimited, have secured control of all coal gas companies in the country, and are absorbing the natural gas companies also. Under their charters they will have the exclusive privilege of furnishing gas to this country. The monopoly is said to be worth millions.

CLEVELAND, N. Y., October 10.—The result in this county is still indefinite. An official count may be required. The Republicans will probably elect one Judge, and perhaps five out of six Representatives. The Judges and clerks have been counting all night and forenoon. In several wards the figures which are reported in some cases are contradicted.

CLEVELAND, October 10.—The returns come in slowly. At 10 o'clock, with two wards to hear from, the indications are that Hoadley carries the county by a small majority, and Rose, the Republican candidate for Lieutenant Governor, will be elected by about 500 majority. The result is a surprise to both parties. The second amendment vote is not fully counted.

GALVESTON, October 10.—It is reported from New Orleans that Jacob, the reporter recently involved in a libel suit here, will die of injuries received in falling from a hall gallery a few days ago while intoxicated. Irving Farner, lessee of the Beach hotel, made an assignment for the benefit of creditors. The city railway company will continue to run the establishment. The building is unfinished, caused by embezzlement.

FARGO, October 10.—At Helena, while on the Villard excursion, Secretary Teller's daughter lost her trunk, said to contain \$70,000. Yesterday Sheriff McKenrick, of Bismarck, had five men arrested; three at Jamestown, two named Adams and one named McGraw—and two at Sillwater, one a son of Staples, the millionaire lumberman. The first clue was obtained through a variety actress in Montana, who displayed a fine fan, and handkerchief bearing Miss Teller's name.

CHICAGO, October 10.—The Chairman for the State Democratic committee telegraphs the associated press as follows: From Des Moines this morning the returns come in slowly, but show large Democratic gains in the interior of the State. The Republicans will have to exceed 5000 plurality. The Democrats and Greenbackers will have a majority in the lower house. The Prohibitionists are entirely defeated. The Democratic candidate is elected in the Sixth district by 200 majority.

DES MOINES, October 10.—The returns increase the Republican majorities. In the Legislature 18 out of 25 new Senators elected are Republicans, and the definite returns give 51 Republican members of the House elected to 29 Democrats. Out of 20 unreported districts, the Republicans will probably carry 13. The House stands for Republicans to 46 Democrats. The 11 other new Senators will probably stand six Republicans and five Democrats. The Republican majority on a joint ballot is between 45 and 50. Later returns say that Stiles, Republican, is probably elected a Congressman in the Sixth district by a small majority.

CINCINNATI, October 10.—Richard Smith, of the Commercial Gazette, said this morning that he did not regard Parker as defeated at present. The election news of Democratic success in the election of a Governor had been heralded by Democratic papers the morning after the election and conceded by the Republicans, and yet the later returns wholly change the aspect of affairs. He regards the prospects not heard from as likely to produce greater Republican gains. As to the causes for the practical Republican defeat, Mr. Smith says that Forsaker lost votes from both parties on account of the temperance issue. He thought also that wool growers and wine growers opposed him.

COLUMBUS, October 10.—No additional returns of consequence have been received here this morning, except private dispatches and scattering telegrams on what has been received. However, the Democrats claim Hoadley's election by 5000, and the Legislature they also claim to have elected. Hoadley

is running ahead in Cincinnati, and will have 4000 majority in the county. The Republican committee thinks that Hoadley's majority will be from 3000 to 4000, and that Rose will be elected. Governor Foster thinks that Hoadley's chances are the best, but does not abandon hope either of the Governorship or the Legislature. At headquarters the Republicans are still hoping for a change. The Democrats claim the Legislature by 500, and the Republicans the Senate by one.

CINCINNATI, October 10.—The Commercial Gazette, in the last edition of the morning, says: The impression prevails that Hoadley is elected Governor by 8,000 majority. Full returns may give a different result, but the outlook is not favorable. The Legislature is in doubt, and is claimed by both sides. The second amendment vote is large, but is probably defeated. The counting of the returns is in confusion in this county, owing to very late work. Morning newspapers have barely a suggestion of the detailed vote. Everybody is sure that progress will be very slow. The best estimate on Hamilton county, from additional returns received this morning, give Hoadley a majority of 15,000 to 20,000, with legislative and county tickets either divided, the Democratic nomination defeated. This includes returns for 73 out of 103 precincts. As near as can be estimated the majority against the second amendment will exceed 40,000.

Judge August Siemering.

From the American Institute.
Texas has lost one of its most brilliant writers, and the Germans of our State their most prominent leader. August Siemering died in San Antonio on the 10th of September. Judge Siemering, as he was popularly called, was a man with many peculiar traits of character. He came to Texas in '49 a young gymnast, and suffered the pangs of poverty in common with all the pioneers of that period. His career until '94 furnishes no noteworthy facts. When the war broke out he was, and remained on the side of the Union, and served the Germans of West Texas to gallant action in defense of their homesteads and their rights, both of which Siemering believed to be endangered by Confederate rule. He has since been an uncompromising Republican, and the most formidable local opponent of the Democracy. His power was never to be lightly considered, for his influence was far-reaching, and his attacks were always straight to the shoulder. He knew that he was the "best-hated" man in the State, and this may have been the cause of so much rancor being often introduced in his editorials in the San Antonio Free Press, the most brilliant German newspaper in Texas, and one of the best edited in the country. Last year Siemering ran the race for Lieutenant Governor on the Jones ticket, but was disastrously defeated, and his health has failed ever since.

As a writer Siemering had few equals. He will not object to my devoting a few lines to the memory of this man, who was no Jew, neither was he a Christian, being no believer in any deity. But he was one of those cosmopolitans whose hearts are in the right place, whatever may be their religion, and who will always be found on the side of the weak and the oppressed, to defend them against the strong and the oppressor. Siemering never was on the side of unlawful might, and he expressed his opinion in the most rugged way of his though the heavens might fall. Ah, how nobly he wrote when his Russian brethren were persecuted! No Jew could have written more forcibly or denunciated more manfully the disgraceful conduct of the Russian bear. Only lately, when his right hand had nearly lost its cunning, he wrote of the Tzar-Eraser "Hilgeng," as he called it, and denounced the miserable plot as "Der Schandte des neunzehnten Jahrhunderts." Besides his brilliant editorials in the Free Press, Siemering contributed to several prominent German journals at home and abroad, notably to the New York Bellettriches Journal, in which his "Tezische Skizzen" attracted general attention. He was a "Schriftsteller" of no ordinary merit. When, some years ago, Cincinnati announced a prize for the best German-American novel, Siemering entered the competition with "Ein vertriebenes Leben," and won the prize. I have read that novel more than once, for in its pages I thought to detect traces of this singular man's autobiography, and Siemering's life was in many respects "vertrieben." A man of wonderful talent, with a ready pen, and with a knowledge of sufficient that would have led him to a high place in the national councils had he not preferred to champion the hopeless cause of a hopeless minority. Siemering often spoke bitterly of his own life as not having been worth living for. A cordial hatred of all religions, he spoke bitterly of all religions and their ministers, gloated over his falling from grace of that profession, and with an atheist's narrow-mindedness, blamed religion for any pastoral transgression. A clergyman and a Democrat were Siemering's pet abominations. And yet he was possessed of noble impulses, was a true friend as well as a cordial hater, and as liberal to the poor as he was miserly to the church. Sometimes a noble German schichtel, with as lofty thoughts emanating from his simple brain as may be found anywhere in German literature, sometimes a political antagonist, whose vehement invective and powerful, well organized opposition gave concern even to the 80,000 majority in the State, and sometimes a Bohemian, content to tope with the Turners and to preside at the executions of the Salamanders. Siemering's character presented many contradictions. For the good he has done, and the gallant words he has spoken in behalf of suffering humanity everywhere, I hope that the earth may rest lightly on August Siemering.

Concluded at Last.

The suit of the Galveston, Harrisburg and San Antonio railroad vs. N. K. Connelly, which has held the fort at the District court for the past three weeks, came to an end yesterday. This morning the jury delivered their verdict awarding the plaintiffs \$5000.04 damages, out of the \$28,701.27 which they claim. The defendant intends to apply for a new trial, and failing in that, will appeal the case.

Hulpert on Bond.

Mr. R. Hulpert has been released on bond, which was first fixed at \$100, but subsequently increased to \$10,000. His bondsmen are good for several times the amount. Hulpert threatens to bring a \$100,000 damage suit against the bank for false arrest and imprisonment.

THE BANKERS.

The United States Comptroller States That the Bank Tax is Illegal, Being Contrary to Act of Congress.

But There Are Other Authorities Which Show That States Have a Right to Tax Bankers.

County Judge Mason has received the following letter from Comptroller Knox:

TREASURY DEPARTMENT, OFFICE COMPTROLLER OF CURRENCY, WASHINGTON, October 4, 1883.—Sir—I am in receipt of your letter of the 18th ultimo, in reference to the payment by national banks in Texas of an annual tax of \$500, under a law of the State providing that every person, firm or association of persons engaged in business as money brokers or bankers in a city or town of more than 20,000 inhabitants shall pay such a tax.

I send you by to-day's mail a copy of my last annual report, which contains a synopsis of the decisions of courts of last resort, on questions arising under the National Banking act. In that synopsis, on page 90 of the report you will find a reference to the case of the District of Columbia against the Citizens' National bank, in which Justice McArthur held a license tax illegal and void, as being contrary to the mode of taxation prescribed by Congress, which made void to be exclusive, you will also find reference to the case sustaining this ruling.

The tax mentioned by you seems to be of the same nature as the taxes declared void under these decisions. Section 5279 of the Revised Statutes of the United States, as construed by the decision of the United States Supreme court in the case of the People against Weaver, grants the privilege to the States of taxing the shares and real estate of National Banking associations; and all the decisions of the United States Supreme court, which hold that National banks must pay the same taxes as are levied on other corporations or on individuals, have reference to the taxation of shares solely.

It would therefore seem that National banks can not be required to pay the tax mentioned by you.

JOHN J. KNOX, Comptroller.

The Express, in alluding to this letter, says that it settles the matter, but the County Judge does not think so. The report of the Comptroller, page 90, section 1, taxation referred to States by license, the District of Columbia imposed a license tax on all the National banks in the District, the rate being 50 cents annually on each \$1000 of the capital invested. The Citizens' National bank refused to pay this assessment and a test was made in the District Criminal court, Justice McArthur presiding. This court, after full argument, held the tax illegal and void, as being contrary to the mode of taxation prescribed by Congress, which made void to be exclusive. This ruling of Judge McArthur was fully sustained by the Supreme court of Missouri (Carthage vs. Carthage National bank, 71 Mo., 508) and by National bank of Travisville vs. Caldwell Co. B. District court western district Pa., Fed. Reports XIII p. 429). This is all very well says County Judge Mason, but in the same report on folio 94, article 16, the report says: "The act of Congress approved June 3, 1864 (R. S. section 5279) was not intended to curtail the power of States on the subject of taxation of or prohibit the exemption of particular kinds of property, but to protect the corporations formed under its authority from unfriendly discrimination by the States in the exercise of their taxing powers. (Adams vs. Nashville, 95 U. S. [5 Oct], p. 19. See also St. Louis National bank, National bank of the State of Missouri, Third National bank, Valley National bank and Merchants' National bank of St. Louis vs. Papin, in United States Circuit court, eastern district of Missouri, September term, 1876. Also, Gallatin National bank of New York vs. Commissioners of Taxes, Supreme court of New York, first department, general term, November, 1876. These latter cases are published in the Bankers' Magazine for December, 1876.) As Texas county makes no distinction in the taxation the County Judge is of the opinion that his position is tenable, and will take further advice upon the subject from the Comptroller of the State.

THE MEXICAN BURGLARS.

Particulars of the Property Claimed And That Which is Still Unclaimed.

Captain Hughes showed a Livery man the search warrant he obtained to search for the articles stolen by the Mexican thieves. Before he could obtain the much desired warrant Captain Hughes was obliged to work up the whole facts of the case, a description of the house, the name of the occupants and the details of the property missing.

The value of the goods stolen, which have been claimed by Mr. Stiles, amounted to \$135.11, but they were damaged by dampness and other sources, through being buried, about 25 per cent. Mr. Beckmann, of Commerce street, claims two pair of boots, which were stolen from his store. In that case the thieves got odd boots and were altering them to make them wearable.

The remainder of the property unclaimed consists of gutter boots, stockings, a brass mounted mirror, lace, ribbons, etc. One roll of ribbon, Manhattan brand, bears a private mark, N 12, a F above a dash 5; another roll of ribbon, Fan brand, is marked DU, above 30; one pair of gutter boots, blue facings, is marked inside 12, above 240; another pair of boots are marked JEL, above 450. Persons who have lost property should call at the police office to identify it. The plunder is all new and appears to have been stolen from a store. Some of the property was placed in satchels ready for peddling.

St. Quinten Opera Company.

The box sheet is now open for sale of seats at Stiles's cigar store, opposite the postoffice.

AMUSEMENT COLUMN.

TURNER OPERA HALL.

Great musical event OCT. 12, 13, Friday and Saturday matinee.

ST. QUINTEN OPERA CO.

Presented by the celebrated English prima donna.

Miss St. Quinten,

The acknowledged queen of opera bouffe, supported by a powerful company of musical artists. Friday, Oct. 12

Les Cloches De Corneville.

Saturday, 13, Gilbert & Sullivan's latest success.

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Admission 25c; gallery 10 cents; reserved seats, three days in advance, at Stiles's, opposite the postoffice. Matinee October 12 and 13.

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IS THE SURE ROAD TO PERMANENT WEALTH. IF THREE DOLLARS WILL DO THE WORK OF FIVE WHY SHOULD YOU SPEND THE FIVE? IT IS OUR DUTY TO CONVINCE YOU THAT WE CAN SAVE YOU THE EXTRA TWO. OUR STOCK OF CLOTHING, WHITE AND COLORED UNDERWEAR, SHIRTS, HATS AND CAPS IS

Second to None in the City!

All we ask is an Inspection Before Purchasing.

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Men's clothing and notions, 232 and 234 Main street, San Antonio.

NOTE.—We make a specialty of Men's Evening collars, and are selling our best goods for 12 1/2 cents, equal to any in the United States.

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Have opened a branch of their Galveston house at 250 Commerce street, San Antonio, and have the largest stock of pianos, organs, sheet music, strings and musical instruments of any house in the city. They are State agents for the world renowned Steinway

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and the favorite and popular Emerson pianos, and sell the same, as well as all other goods in their line, as cheap as any house North or South. Thos. Goggan & Bros. sell pianos and

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Notice to Tax Payers!!

Discount for Early Payment.

The undersigned hereby gives notice that the city ad valorem and poll taxes for the municipal year 1883, ending February 28, 1884, will be due on the 15th of this month, and payable on or before the expiration of the date mentioned.

In order to facilitate the collection of said tax I am authorized, by a resolution of the City Council, passed October 8, to allow a rebate of 10 per cent. on the tax levied for general purposes if paid on or before the 15th day of October, 1883.

F. C. HANSEN, City Collector.

San Antonio, October 8, 1883. 10-8-83

Rhodes & Tinsley.

Have a large stock of sewing machines. Cheap rent. 9-25-10